

WHAT IS THE VR PROGRAM?

The VR program helps individuals with disabilities prepare for, obtain and maintain employment. Your VR Counselor will determine if you are eligible for the VR program based on:

- 1 A diagnosable disability that creates a barrier to employment.
- 2 You require VR services to obtain employment and can benefit from VR services.

If eligible, your VR Counselor will help you create an individual plan for employment that will outline the specific services you need to become employed. For services to be effective, you must be willing to address your disability and go to work.

I WANT TO APPLY, NOW WHAT?



- **Complete the application.** If you need assistance completing the application please contact the VR office.
- **Make an appointment** with your counselor for an initial interview.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT IN THE INITIAL INTERVIEW?

- You will **meet with your counselor** to review your application.
- **Get medical records:**
 - VR will help obtain medical records needed to determine eligibility.
 - If you already have copies of your medical records, please bring them with you to your appointment.
 - If records do not exist, your VR Counselor will send you for an assessment.
- **Your counselor will take a copy of your picture ID**



Acceptable Forms of Picture ID:

Current driver's license
ID card issued by the federal, state, local, or tribal government agency
US passport or passport card
US active duty/retiree/reservist military ID card
USCIS permanent resident card
USCIS employment authorization card
School ID card



WHAT HAPPENS AFTER MY INITIAL INTERVIEW?



- Your counselor will use your disability records and the information you provide during the initial interview to determine your eligibility for the VR program.
- Your counselor has up to 60 days to determine your eligibility but may request more time from you if records are not immediately available.
- You will receive a letter that will tell you if you are eligible for the VR program and if you are on the waitlist.

